

**SYSTEM OF CARE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, May 15, 2008**  
**MACO BUILDING, HELENA**

**Update on Wraparound Training:**

- First training was held in March, 2008 in Helena
- Training is open to individuals statewide
- An attendance criterion is commitment to become a trainer.
- Goal is to develop infrastructure/ group of trainers.
- Implementation of wrap around services will include use of a fidelity instrument around the ten principles
- Additional training will be in June (Billings) and September (Great Falls)

**Update on Evaluation:** Increase in enrollment and participation. More data is available than we are currently using. What other information do we want to track? Jamie will work with SOCs workgroup to prioritize data analysis: Nancy Ferrar, Tasia (youth), Amy Holodnick, Schylar Canfield, and Jared Jacobs

**Joint Planning Committee revisited barriers to System of Care development, based on regional and KMA reports:**

**Group 1**

- Transportation
- Lack of In-Home community based services
- Lack of Access of and Awareness to above services
- Providers that haven't made shift to family driven, home based services
- Providers liability for home based services
- Have not yet implemented Wraparound process in community

**Group 2**

- Lack of uniformity of benefits between CHIP and Medicaid
- Transportation: Lack of reliable transportation and increasing cost
- Improve system to make it more family friendly
- Clarification on liability on individuals and agencies
- Need flexible funding to do things like car repairs, insurance, etc.
- Lack of specific activities for youth involvement
- Lack of communication between state and private agencies.

**Group 3:**

- Transportation: Current Medicaid reimbursement rates too low; Need transportation for non-therapeutic visits; DD Waiver may reimburse for community exposure and recreational visits.
- Improve community coordination between agencies
- Increase referrals from other agencies (Market to schools; outreach to Early Childhood providers and DD contract providers; Increase outreach to targeted case managers; reach parents and families directly.
- Understand legal mandates for agencies that have to make decisions regarding kids
- Treat parents with respect and dignity
- Educate KMA participants on core values

**Group 4:****Recommendations:**

- Provide funding to support wraparound process
- Bump up loan reimbursements for professionals
- Start young
- Continue building budget flexibility
- Hire Well
- Create "Slush Fund" for when a service, etc. needs to be purchased and we are being creative. Need a fund available to provide and purchase those services.

**Group 5:**

- Need more partners from CFS/OPI—need to have more people involved in KMA meetings and processes from those agencies.
- Need more parent and family involvement
- More involvement from school personnel—teachers and administrators
- More training for teachers and administrators on SED and what services can be provided in schools
- Train agency personnel on why it is important to have wraparound community care
- CMHB needs to be more responsive with broader array of links on web site to partners, different advocacy groups, AMDD, KMA's, school readiness, other kind of services available that we pay for.
- Important that partners be at the table during staffing—need ability to provide extra funding when looking for services.
- Case managers should be trained in wraparound for providing care for clients.

### **Statutory committee comments:**

- Family involvement is important
- Important to be able to have committees combine to listen and share
- Local communities need to tell statutory planning committee what needs to be done; agencies will find a way to make it work.
- Best practices in the country are based on wraparound, collaboration between systems and evidence based practices.
- Agencies need to work together to best meet needs of kids.
- Mentoring works to keep kids from Juvenile Justice system.
- Payment driven rules are getting in the way
- Main challenges through agencies:
  - Transportation (inadequate or absent modes);
  - Strong support of client centered/directed care;
  - Need structure for transitioning youth from children's to adult system. Needs to be better defined to close up gaps.
- Mental Health Study –may have promising ideas to blend resources more effectively.

### **Discussion with Youth who attended this meeting as guests:**

#### **1. How to help keep youth engaged**

- Give them recognition for being at the meetings, talking, etc.
- Have Fun
- Incentives, compensation, travel compensation, to get the youth involved.
- Youth Advocate for younger youth to be involved

#### **2. How to attract youth involvement in the evaluation?**

- Have youth on the staff
- Explain, use “meaty, emotional part” to get them interested
- Use materials that are youth friendly, language that is youth oriented.

### **Review of Flexible Funding available to KMAs and other multi-agency planning groups:**

#### **1. Supplemental Services Program (Formerly Part B) –TANF maintenance of effort money.**

- Source is general fund money that is matched with TANF federal grant.
- Has TANF requirements; has limitations on how it is used, etc.
- Eligibility is tied to Medicaid or CHIP.
- Family and youth cannot be receiving cash assistance.

- Eligible for no more than four months in a twelve month period.
- \$350K statewide distributed through regional staff.
- Has to be related to child's mental health need, and part of plan of care.

2. (HB98) System of Care Account—

- General Funds that are not used to match Medicaid.
- Not an appropriation but a spending authority if monies are available.
- Youth must be Medicaid eligible
- Purpose is to keep youth in the community
- \$500,000 limit

**LJIC Subcommittee recommendations:**

1. Community Planning committee should be specific as to changes requested. Will meet one more time.
2. Statutory Planning committee has been meeting. Will recommend change to statute as to who should go to youth correctional facility.
3. Next Law and Justice Committee is June 26 and 27.
4. Community Planning committee needs comments by May 30.

**Agenda for September: 9-11-08**

- Sustainability – what are the broader needs that exist?
- Wraparound training and report
- Data Report
- Youth presentation – organized by new Youth Representatives
- Nashville meeting report
- Invite providers to attend

**Date for last meeting in 2008: December: 12-4-08**